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## USD OFFERS FREE BLOOD TESTING FOR TAY SACHS DISEASE CARRIERS, APRIL 22, 23

Free blood testing for detection of Tay-Sachs Disease carriers will be administered at the University of San Diego on Tuesday, April 22, and Wednesday, April 23.

The testing will be conducted by the California Tay-Sachs Disease Prevention Program, and be held on April 22 in the Rose Room from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and in the School of Law Room 2B from 6 to 8 p.m., and on April 23 in the Student Union, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tay-Sachs is a hereditary disease which affects the nervous system in infants. A child with Tay-Sachs disease appears healthy until he or she reaches six months of age, when the baby begins losing motor abilities. Death usually occurs at the age of two or three.

Carriers of Tay-Sachs show no outward symptoms of the disease, but can be detected through a simple blood test. One person in every 300 is a carrier; for Jewish people, the ratio is one in every 30.

The testing at USD is sponsored by the A.E.D. Pre-Professional Society.

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